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## MR. BALDWIN'S OWN FORECAST

**EVERY CONFIDENCE  
IN A  
WORKING MAJORITY.  
POPULARITY OF THE POLICY  
OF WORK-FOR-ALL.  
READY FOR FINAL PUSH.  
PRIME MINISTER AND THE FUTURE  
ENTENTE.**

On Thursday the bulk of the 20,000,000 men and women who form the electoral body in Great Britain and Northern Ireland will go to the poll to choose the third Parliament since the war.

There is every promise that Mr. Stanley Baldwin will achieve victory. He has sent a message to "The People" (given on this page) which will be read with gratification throughout the country.

The policy of Protection and work-for-all has captured the hearts of the people. Women voters are rallying to the support of Mr. Baldwin in a most remarkable fashion.

By OUR POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT.

One important respect the present election differs from either of those which have previously taken place since the war. It is being fought in deadly earnest by all parties. Even Liberalism and Labour are in direct and bitter opposition, and there is no suggestion of a compromise, although both parties are eager to prevent a third election.

Meetings in many parts of the country are reminiscent of pre-war days, and some of the candidates are being subjected to embarrassing attentions by exuberant hecklers. It is doubtful, however, whether in any previous election there has been such a widespread inclination on the

Government to be sent back to office with an unworkable majority. Every voter who desires to see the country once more being restored to prosperity should regard it as a sacred duty to register his vote in favour of the only policy which has any claim to consideration.

### A FORECAST.

I have just persuaded a prominent Unionist in close touch with the constituencies to give me a prediction of the probable result of the election. He ventured to suggest the following figures:

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|--------------|-----|
| Unionists    | 360 |
| Labour       | 140 |
| Liberals     | 109 |
| Independents | 6   |

Mr. Baldwin's conduct throughout the campaign has proved that he is a man who knows his own mind and is not to be brow-beaten by any amount of hostility from vested interests or powerful personages, who if they could would wield an authority tantamount to a dictatorship.

In the event of his receiving the mandate he has asked for the Prime Minister will be in an exceptionally strong position, for he is seeking to know the will of the people, and therefore any suggestions from those who profess to interpret the country's wishes will be superfluous.

During the past few years there have been occasions when statesmen have been dragged into certain courses by individuals with powerful influences at their commands. And this, to put it mildly, has not always been in the best interests of the country.

I am frequently impressed by the spirit of inquiry manifested at the meetings which I have attended. It is not too much to say that the electors are realising that Mr. Baldwin

### THE CHOICE.

**UNIONISTS:** No taxes on wheat, meat, flour, cheese, butter, eggs. The Protection policy will mean lower rates and taxes.

**LIBERALS:** Free Trade, which means no amelioration of the present unemployment crisis.

**LABOUR:** Capital Levy and Socialism.

and those who are fighting under his banner are the only speakers who have any reasoned argument to submit to the electors.

### THE FINAL PUSH.

**FORCES CONCENTRATED ON INDUSTRIAL TOWNS.**

An official at the Unionist headquarters in London yesterday said there was distinct evidence that the Government would retain their majority in the aggregate and would possibly improve it.

The Unionists expected to lose some Northern seats to Liberals, but they also hoped to win some from Labour in the same area.

The party is vigorously preparing for the push to-morrow. Efforts are concentrated on the industrial areas of the North, and political orators are being rushed to these places.

Mrs. Hudson Lyall, L.C.C., who has been addressing 16 to 18 meetings a week in the Conservative interests, said she finds Mr. Baldwin's policy well accepted by women throughout the country, as the women believe that Protection would mean more work for their menfolk.

(Other Election News on Page Two.)

### To the Readers of "The People."

*IN our great struggle against the terrible disease of unemployment which is paralysing our Country and causing untold hardship to our workpeople, I confidently believe that the electors of this country will not fail to give the Unionist Party such a substantial working majority as will enable it to proceed without delay to apply the only remedy which in my view is calculated to give more work and steadier employment in the future to our workers.*

*This remedy is the only serious constructive proposal before the electors. I ask for a mandate in order to put it to the test.*

*Stanley Baldwin.*

### TROUBLE IN THE LABOUR CAMP!

#### CAPITAL LEVY.

**TWO WINGS OF THE PARTY UNABLE TO AGREE.**

That all is not well in the Labour camp is shown by the cleavage which has arisen over the much-discussed Capital Levy.

At the headquarters of the Labour Party in Euston-square yesterday it was officially stated there was "absolutely no deviation on the part of Labour from the principle of a Capital Levy as outlined in the election manifesto."

The Independent Labour Party, which forms a part of the Labour Party and of which Mr. Ramsay MacDonald is a member, apparently holds another view, however, for on the same day its secretary issued a statement that owing to an absence of clearness in the paragraph on page 30 of "The Socialist Program," published on Friday, they are substituting the following:

"The levy would be graduated, varying in the severity of its incidence according to the amount of capital possessed."  
"Thus, allowing for the amount exempted in each case, persons owning £5,000 would pay at the rate of 1.2 per cent., whilst persons owning £50,000 would be required to pay at as high a rate as 25.6 per cent."

It was originally stated that persons owning £5,000 would pay 5 per cent., while persons owning £50,000 would be required to pay as much as 35 per cent.

#### CAPSIZED IN DOCK.

**TWO MEN DROWNED AT TILBURY: FOUR RESCUED.**

Two men lost their lives through a mishap at Tilbury Docks yesterday. A boat from the tug Mark Lane, when crossing tidal basin, capsized owing to the wash from the dry dock, and the six occupants were thrown into the water.

Four of the men were saved, one by a Customs officer who witnessed the accident.

The two others, who were drowned, were: Benjamin Arthur Griffiths, of Librad, Greenwich; and George Russell, of Roan-st., Greenwich. Both bodies were recovered.

#### HEALING THE BREACH.

**PARIS PLEASED WITH THE NEW ENTENTE PROPOSALS.**

On both sides of the Channel great satisfaction has been caused by the decision of the Reparations Commission to set up two committees for the purpose of inquiring into the possibility of restoring Germany's finances and to go into the question of the exportation of German capital.

This latest development (says the Press Association) is welcomed as the beginning of a new phase in the methods to be employed in tackling the reparations problem. It is hoped that the fact that the Reparations Commission were unanimous in their consent to the new proposals will be regarded by the United States as a joint public Allied invitation to Washington to appoint a delegate to the Committee.

#### HIS PATIENTS' CRAVING.

**Doctor Imprisoned and Fined for Supplying the Drugs.**

Paris, Saturday.  
For supplying cocaine and other drugs to his patients, Dr. Gustav Fillon, of Paris, was to-day sentenced to 13 months' imprisonment and five years' prohibition of residence, and fined over £200. The prosecution alleged that the craving for the drugs had been induced in the patients by the doctor himself.—Exchange.

### FLOOD DISASTER IN ITALY.

**FEARED LOSS OF 300 LIVES.**

It is feared that 300 persons have lost their lives in a disaster which has occurred in the province of Bergamo, Northern Italy, following on the storms which have been raging in the country.

The incessant rains caused a great reservoir in the neighbourhood of Dazze to burst its banks, and the flood of water swept away the villages of Dazze, Guggio and Teverno.

It is estimated that the lake contained eight million cubic metres of water.

The material damage is at present incalculable.—Central News.

Reuter says that the electric power supply for the town of Darfo, as well as for the factories, bridges and railways, has been destroyed.

#### HOOLIGANS' VICTIM.

**WOMAN CANDIDATE'S SERIOUS INJURIES.**

Hooligans were responsible for a dastardly attack upon Miss Violet Robertson, Conservative candidate for St. Helier division, Glasgow, who as a result of the maltreatment she experienced is still confined to her bed.

While addressing a meeting in a schoolroom, Miss Robertson was kicked on the leg and spat upon several times, sustaining severe bruises.

Scenes of violence are a regrettable feature of the election campaign in Glasgow, where at least fifty meetings are being addressed each night.

Mr. H. J. Tennant, the Liberal candidate for the Central Division, has been under police protection since he was robbed of his watch, for the recovery of which he has offered a reward of £20.

#### SEVEN PEOPLE GASSED.

**FIVE CHILDREN, WOMAN AND MAN FOUND UNCONSCIOUS.**

Seven persons had a narrow escape from death by gassing at a house in Camden-st., Maidstone, yesterday.

In consequence of the strong smell of gas the police broke into the house and found the woman occupant, her five children and a male lodger all lying unconscious in their beds.

The children and the lodger were soon brought round, but the woman remained in a critical condition for over an hour.

#### EARTHQUAKE PANIC.

**Volcanus in Eruption Again: Many Villages Inundated.**

Rome, Saturday.  
A severe earth-shock was felt in the Caprano district, in the Rome province, during the night, and caused a panic among the inhabitants.

Many rivers in Tuscany have overflowed their banks, with the result that many villages are inundated.—Central News.



**WEATHER**

General Inference: Pressure is lowest near Iceland, and a secondary depression is approaching the western coast from the Atlantic. Weather is likely to be unsettled generally, with some rain or showers in all districts.

London: Wind S., veering to S.W. S.E. England: much cloud, some rain, improving later, misty at times; milder than of late. W. Midlands: milder than of late. Further Outlook: Unsettled, but considerable fair periods in the South.

### LARGER ARMY FOR AMERICA.

**"UNPREPAREDNESS." AT THE MERCY OF A DETERMINED ENEMY.**

Washington, Saturday.  
An urgent warning "against the slightest cutting of the budget" for the Army is contained in the annual report made to Congress by Mr. Weeks, Secretary for War.

The Army not only is "cut below our vital needs," the Secretary says, but increased appropriations for national defence will soon be necessary owing to the consumption of war stocks.

"We are not able even now to make the progress which is necessary to insure the fulfilment of the purposes of national defence," the report continues.

"Since 1921 the total number of individuals under military training, or in military organisations, has decreased from 519,041 to 364,010. This does not spell progress, but rather reaction."

Mr. Weeks reaffirms his recommendations of former years that the enlisted strength of the Regular Army be increased from its present limit of 125,000 men to 150,000 men "at the earliest possible date."

"This strength," he says, "is considered the minimum necessary to make effective our national defence programme." He also urges an increase of the commissioned strength of the Regular Army to 15,000, as compared with 12,000, the present limit.

"With less isolation than ever before," he concludes, "with a greater need to be able to defend our own independent purposes, we are in a state of unpreparedness, comparable only with that of Germany, among the great nations. Our new defence policy is a sound one, and if sincerely supported would enable us to defend our purposes while adhering to our peaceful traditions."

Answering opponents who assert that such appropriations are unnecessary on the arguments "that the last war has been fought, or that Americans will rise up like one man for defence if the emergency should come again," Mr. Weeks pointed to the lessons of the World War.

"We learned then," he said, "that even with allies protecting our front we would always be put to a tremendous effort at a tremendous cost to mobilise raw forces. Without allies the raw levies that we could raise would be practically at the mercy of a determined enemy."—Reuter.

### NEW FRENCH CRISIS.

**PRESIDENT & NEXT ELECTION.**

**"THREAT TO RESIGN." VOTING METHODS.**

Paris, Saturday.

Great excitement prevails in the Lobbies of the Chamber and the Senate on the question of the method of voting at the next general election in France.

It is believed by some politicians that this discussion may eventually lead to a Presidential crisis, which is hitherto unknown in the history of the Third Republic.

At the last general election the voting was by departments, the minority being represented in proportion to the votes polled.

For instance, M. Leon Daudet, the Royalist leader, obtained 8,000 votes fewer than M. Gustav Tery, but as he was at the head of the Royalists' list he obtained a seat in Parliament, while M. Tery, who was last on the list of his party, was not elected.

It is believed, however, that the majority of the Chamber is not in favour of a return to the old system of polling by districts, by which the majorities alone decide who shall sit in the Chamber.

The President of the Republic, M. Millerand, is strongly opposed to the old custom.

M. Bonneloup, President of the Parliamentary Election Committee, stated today that should the Chamber decide to return to the former system of voting the President would address a request to them asking for a second deliberation on the matter, and if that request should not be granted he would resign.

The "Intransigent" confirms this statement and says that the President will resign rather than yield.—Exchange.

#### BRITISH STEAMER DAMAGED.

Amsterdam, Saturday.

A Flushing message says the British steamer Calderon, 1,350 tons, belonging to MacAndrews and Co., Ltd., has been in collision with the small Belgian steamer Clara.

The Calderon sustained some slight damage.—Central News.

## A Cure for the Blues



"Cheer up, you'll soon be alive!"

It's a better greeting we have nowadays for the man with the blues than the old mocking salutation that prophesied his approaching decease.

For there's no earthly reason why the man who is moping to-day, wondering how much they'll miss him when he's gone, should not be very much alive and kicking to-morrow. Some people, of course, will always revel in ill-health. But there are countless others who, depressed by ailments (imaginary and otherwise), have taken a kindly friend's advice in time and banished all their troubles with the aid of the "little daily dose."

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## JURY AND HUSBAND'S CONNIVANCE.

### PETITION DISMISSED.

#### WIFE'S MOTOR TRIPS WITH MAN OF 63.

A co-respondent of 63 was cited in the Divorce Court when Walter McClean, a watch and clock maker, of Woodcroft-rd., Wavertree, Liverpool, petitioned for a dissolution of his marriage with Amy McClean, alleging adultery between his wife and Thomas Burgess, formerly an hotel proprietor, of Guide Bridge, Manchester, and a member of the Openshaw Council.

The allegations were denied, and Mrs. McClean and Burgess counter-claimed McClean with conduct conducive to and connivance of their adultery, if any.

Burgess's age was given as 63, and that of Mrs. McClean as 37.

It was stated that Burgess conducted motor tours, and that Mrs. McClean went on several motor trips to Carnarvon and Bangor, and on a motor tour through the West of England, which Burgess was conducting.

McClean said in 1911 his wife received a letter from a friend at Grimsby. When he asked her to show it to him she put it in her mouth, chewed it up, and swallowed it. This was denied.

Mr. Tyndale, for the husband, said that since the proceedings Mrs. McClean had become insane. She was in an asylum for some time but was afterwards released.

In reply to her counsel, Mrs. McClean admitted misconduct with Burgess. It began in 1917, she said. Her husband consented to her going on motor trips with Mr. Burgess. Her husband saw her off on the Devonshire trip. He gave her no money for expenses. On her return he asked how much Burgess had given her, and when she said nothing he said: "I will make him give me something. I am going to divorce you."

"I was terrified at my husband," added Mrs. McClean. "I asked him what was going to become of me. He said, 'The best thing is to do away with yourself. If you succeed, so much the better.'"

Mr. Tyndale (for the husband): Do you now swear that your husband is not the father of your son—I do.

Burgess said misconduct first took place in 1917, when he thought the woman was single at the time. Later he was introduced to McClean.

When Mrs. McClean visited his house in 1920, he asked the husband to allow her to remain longer, as Mrs. Burgess was away, and he consented, knowing there was only a servant in the house in addition. McClean offered to pay anything in connection with the trips to Carnarvon and Bangor, and told witness afterwards to treat his (petitioner's) house as his own. On one occasion, when he was in McClean's house, he was sitting with respondent on the ground floor when the little boy went to the stairs and called up to his father, at work upstairs, "Father, they are whispering now." McClean took no notice.

Speaking of the trip to Torquay, Burgess said it was originally intended that a party should go, but the others backed out, and he and Mrs. McClean went alone, but he did not inform McClean of the fact.

McClean (recalled) denied that he told his wife she had better commit suicide.

The jury found adultery proved; that there was no conduct conducive to the part of the husband, but that there was connivance on his part.

Mr. Justice Horridge therefore dismissed the petition, Burgess being dismissed from the suit without costs.

## THE OLDEST VOTER: BY CHRIS.



Hold this for me, please!

"Hold this for me, please!" said the old man, looking at the ballot paper.

The somebody did not stop long enough for me to identify him, and it was not until some little time later that I realised that the handle belonged to a wicker bath chair in which was snugly tucked a very old and amiable-looking lady.

"What's the game?" I gently inquired, but she answered me with a waggish sort of smile.

I then thought I would try her with another remark of a different and more ingratiating nature. "It's a fine day."

But I only received the same rather inane sort of answer.

The five (and several more) minutes had passed, and I began to grow anxious and to nourish an idea that if the amiable old lady in the bath chair—who couldn't tell me her name and where she lived—suffered from some sort of affliction which affected both her hearing and speech, then it was quite natural that the vanished man, more than possibly a relative of hers, might be suffering from a similar ailment.

Half an hour passed, and all I could get out of the poor old person in the enlarged hamper on her arm was a series of meaningless nods and winks, during the course of which the perspiration dotted down my apprehensive spine and my damp hair almost stood up with horror.

Suppose I was left with this human automaton on my hands for the rest of my natural life! Especially as I was already surrounded by elderly relatives, and had dared not meet my wife with another lady in a bath chair, however old she might appear to be.

The mere thought of it made me shake with terror. I made up my mind at once to seek the owner of my incubus.

So I chanced my luck by accosting the man who had the wildest stare in the crowd. He was a big, stout man, with a cold-boiled mutton fat sort of complexion. I went boldly up to him and said: "Excuse me, sir, but you don't happen to have mislaid an elderly aunt, an aged grandmother or ancient great-grandmother?"

He gave me a startled look, and then wheezed out: "I lost 'em all, years ago."

"Well," I said, "I've found one for you—a young-lost ancient grandmother."

### CHARGE WITHDRAWN.

Mrs. Minnie Victoria Malcolm, who was summoned with her late husband, Ralph Malcolm, for alleged fraud in connection with the affairs of the National Mutual Creditors' Association, Ltd., of which they were directors, was discharged at the Mansion House Police Court.

Mr. Malcolm committed suicide on the day fixed for the first hearing, and the Lord Mayor stated that the association did not wish to proceed with the charge against the widow. The Public Prosecutor had also decided not to take action.

and tried to push the wicker bath chair and its smiling contents on to him. He gave a grunt of alarm, bolted into the road, and nearly got run over by a passing motor car.

I tried to force more promising looking men with any pretence to an amiable stare, but in the words of the Cockney logician, "They weren't aving any."

Then I adopted another method of getting rid of my uninvited guest. I stealthily crept up to the most kindly looking old lady in my vicinity. She had a large, prosperous looking Roman nose, a sure sign of benevolence, and had yards of gold chain wound round her black silk dress, a further sign of prosperity.

"Madam," I said appealingly, "would you care to adopt a perfectly harmless dumb old lady, who apparently has no friends or relatives in this wide, wide world. You've got to say the word, and she's yours on the spot; the bath chair, which is in first-class condition, being thrown in free of charge."

The lady of the Roman nose gave me a stoney glare and said in measured tones, and much too loud for my liking: "Have you stolen the poor old soul?"

"No," I answered, and before I could say another word the golden girdled one thrust this query at me: "Then, my man, what are you wheeling her about for?"

"A hobby," I replied.

She gave one surlic, which took me by surprise, and caused me to lose my hold of the wicker bathchair, which started on a career of its own, making a tight run for the centre of a small crowd who were much interested in the oration of a man who was holding forth on his supposed right to other people's money.

At the same time, a tall, thin man, with a pointed beard, dashed by the and then hooked round, shouting out: "Has anybody seen anything of a fat-looking idiot wheeling about an old lady in a wicker bath-chair? The secondhand has pinched my poor old helpless grandmother of 60; she's the oldest lady voter in Merwood, and I brought her down to record her vote. It's too late now. My party will never pass the Capital Levy; I'll kill that fellow when I find him."

He recovered the old lady and the bath-chair, and sneaked away in Merwood, and I brought her down to record her vote. It's too late now. My party will never pass the Capital Levy; I'll kill that fellow when I find him."

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## SCHOOLMASTER AND GIRL PUPILS.

### GRAVE ALLEGATIONS.

#### CHILD'S "SPECIAL PRAYER" ON HIS BEHALF.

Grave allegations were made at Kingston-on-Thames county police court against John Edwin Poplett (41), a student-master at West Molesey elementary school, living in Arnsford-rd., East Molesey.

He was charged with having assaulted three girls, all under the age of 16, and pupils in his class.

Accused, who pleaded not guilty, was defended by Mr. A. A. Thomas, and after a long hearing Poplett, who reserved his defence, was committed for trial, bail being allowed, himself in £100 and two other sureties in £50 each.

Mr. E. F. Baker, prosecuting for the Commissioner of Police, said that one of the children, whom accused was alleged to have assaulted, was but 10 years of age, and the two other children were slightly older. The offences, he said, were committed on various dates.

Evidence was given by the mother of the youngest girl as to complaints made by her daughter as to what occurred on September 2 at school, after accused had kept her girl behind when the other children had gone.

After detailing the allegations which her daughter had made against accused, the woman said that her little girl in her prayers asked that Mr. Poplett should be made a good man.

Later, said witness, she saw accused and threatened to take her child away from the school, but Poplett asked her not to do so.

The ten-year-old daughter of the last witness, who gave her evidence with much intelligence, alleged that accused kissed her and behaved improperly when he kept her behind to show her how to do her sums.

She added that when she got home she informed her mother what had occurred, and at night she used a special prayer for a cure.

Evidence was also given by two other girls at the school, and at the close of the hearing the chairman (Mr. W. Norris) recommended them for the care of a woman who they had given their evidence.

### 7 YEARS' SILENCE.

#### WIDOW WHO GRIEVED OVER SON LOST IN WAR.

During seven years Mrs. Martha Bruty, a widow of 70, whose death has just occurred at Gosport-rd., Brentwood, spoke only once.

In 1916 her youngest son went to France, and was reported missing less than a month afterwards. His mother never recovered or spoke to her own people or to her friends afterwards.

Mrs. Bruty had been in good health, but even during her husband's illness and death in 1921 she remained utterly unmoved.

"She accepted the care of her four daughters," one of them stated, "as though they were nuns. She would never ask for anything to eat, but would take what was put into her hands."

"The only time mother was known to speak in all the seven years was shortly after George was reported missing. She was sitting by the window when a soldier passed, and she exclaimed, 'That is George.'"

Doctors who saw Mrs. Bruty shook of her case as a "medical curiosity." It baffled treatment.

## WOMEN'S WRONGS.

### They do not have a Fair Chance.

One of the greatest surgeons said that he never went to bed without feeling thankful for not having been born a woman. A woman's health handicaps her, almost always. She has painful disabilities which do not afflict men. Nature does not give her a fair chance. Her blood is more often thin and less than a man's and she often neglects first beginnings of ill-health.

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## ANOTHER TOPICAL NUMBER IN NEXT WEEK'S ISSUE

Sung by RORKE and BRAY.

## I'D GIVE THE WORLD TO KNOW

Words and Music by JACK MAHONEY.

**Andante.**

**Piano.**

**Key G.**

1. The twilight hour is here, dear heart, and brings sweet dreams of you, The Sweet.

2. The nights are long and dreary and I miss you more each day, The Sweet.

Love-light lingers in your eyes just as it used to do; I live again the happy hours of heart, you took the sun-shine with you when you went away; I could on - ly wake to find that gold - en years gone by, But dreams are on - ly dreams, sweetheart, and wa - king brings a sigh. all I dream is true, I'll ask for no - thing more, sweetheart, than just the love of you.

**Values lento. Tenderly.**

I'd give the world to know your heart longs for this heart of mine, To know that you've been faith - ful to the vows of Auld Lang Syne, I'd give the sun, the stars, the moon, I'd give the land and sea, I'd give the world and all it's wealth, to know that you still love me.



















## SMUGGLING YELLOW SLAVES.

### LIGHT ON NEW TRAFFIC

#### SHIPPED FROM EUROPEAN PORTS.

Chinese smuggled into England at dawn of night, and then transported to laundries, where they work almost like slaves—these were the disclosures made by the police following a raid in Liverpool.

Several Chinese who had landed without permission were sentenced to two months' hard labour and recommended for deportation, while proprietors of some of the laundries, charged with harboring the men, were ordered to pay fines. In one case the fine amounted to £25.

The agents of the British smugglers spread their net across Belgium, Holland and France. Chinese sailors and others are offered lucrative employment in England, and are landed silently and illicitly under the cover of darkness.

Owing to the disturbed state of China the men are glad to pay for being smuggled into this country, little knowing the conditions under which they will live when they arrive here.

They labour in laundries and other places for purely nominal wages until their fares are paid off.

The police thought they had closed this practice some months ago, but recent information shows that it has been revived on a large scale.

The methods employed by the smugglers are to send moving boats to continental ports with Chinese. They then pull for a ship lying some distance off the coast.

The ship eventually sails for England, and when within easy rowing distance of British shores drops anchor.

Silently the Chinese slide down a rope into a small boat and once again row for shore, usually unseen and unheard.

The smugglers have their fingers completely at the mercy. The Chinese live in fear of betrayal to the police as aliens who have failed to register under the Aliens Act.

For this reason they submit to working long hours for a mere pittance.

### A RELIABLE PILOT.

#### "HICKS" FERRYING TWICKENHAM TO THE RIGHT PORT.

Sir William Joynton-Hicks, the candidate who is vigorously ferrying Twickenham across the troubled waters, is conducting a strong campaign in the Unionist interest.

He has given complete and forceful answers to the accusations made against the Protectionist policy by the opposition.

"Two years ago," he said in a recent speech, "America had two and a half million unemployed. She raised her tariffs and got rid of them, and the cost of living went down in America. What America has done ought to be a good illustration to us."

He further emphasized a fact which many people are prone to overlook, that the Government has not forgotten its promises to the unemployed and that their welfare has ever been foremost in times of great international stress. During the last 12 months 15,000 have been sent out from the Government schools, and over 600,000 trained ex-service men have been placed in employment.

In a particularly neat manner he replied to a circular recently published in the Liberal Press, which was described as a bombshell. A large wholesale firm were alleged to have written to their customers saying that if a tariff on imported goods were made, they would have to put the price up.

"Of course they would," said "Hicks." "I hope to see all foreign hoisery go up, because Leicester can make all the goods we need for the home market. A bomb-shell? I call it a dud."

Centers are surrounded not to be tricked by supporting Free Trade by the suggestion that food and everything else will be dearer.

**ELECTION BRIEFS.** "I could not live on 2s. a week," said Mr. Douglas Hogg, replying to a question at Mr. John's Wood.

Mr. E. L. O'Malley, the Liberal candidate for West Leinster, is confined to his bed with throat trouble.

Miss Ella Jeffries will take the chair at a women's meeting at the Constitutional Club Hall, Balham High-road, tomorrow afternoon, when Mrs. Hudson-Lovell will speak in support of Mr. Alfred Butts, the Conservative candidate for Balham and Tooting.

Insistent questions and interjections during the need of the extension of Pinbury Park Tube are a feature at election meetings in North and North-East London.

"I am a married man, but your question makes me blush," retorted Captain Bowyer, at Wolverton, in reply to a question, who asked whether ladies coming to meet him were on their lingerie was responsible for the industry's critical condition.

Sir Kingsley Wood and Captain Taylor, the Conservative candidates for West and East Wiltshire, are making a special feature at all their meetings of the proposal to utilize the now vacant sites at Wiltshire Dockyard for the erection of private enterprises of new factories and manufacturing.

Speaking at Slough yesterday, Captain A. Titcher said his firm had been offered 250,000 glass jars made in Germany which would save them from £15,000 to £20,000 a year, but they refused the offer, knowing that the British glass industry had been jammed by Chinese competition.

and could employ 5,000 English workmen under protection.

### LONDON ITEMS.

Subject to certain grants Hamworthy Council have approved schemes of work for the unemployed to cost £25,000.

Gen's "Holy City" will be given, with full orchestra, at 8.30 p.m. today, at the Covent Garden Theatre.

The general meeting and election of members of the Cadbury's Biscuits Association will be held at the Y.M.C.A., Tottenham Court-road, on Dec. 11.

At the Smithfield Show, which opens at the Agricultural Hall on Dec. 22, there will be 250 stalls, 100 pens of sheep and 200 pens of pigs among the exhibits. The King's challenge cup is offered for the best lamb.

The L.C.C. Transport Committee recommends a "trial" license for cars driven by the police and dogging of Council House Registrars.

## MISSING LABOUR AGENT.

### CONSTITUENCY WITHOUT PARTY CHIEFS.

Up to a late hour last night no tidings had been heard of Mr. Sidney Wilkins Newnam, of Old Church-road, Romford, the chief agent of the Labour Party in the division, who mysteriously disappeared on Thursday.

Mrs. Newnam, discussing the matter with a representative of "The People," said the only explanation she could give was that her husband had been worried by his work as an election agent.

"He had complained to me that his work was very heavy," she said, "and I know he was suffering from having too much to do."

Mr. Newnam had not previously acted as an election agent, and his difficulties were accentuated through the absence of the Labour candidate, Mr. Emil Davies, who has not yet returned from a tour in America.

Mr. Newnam left his home early on Thursday morning, with the intention of going to the central office of the party in Finsbury-avenue, Barking, but he never arrived there.

His attaché case, which was left in the train, was found at Bethnal Green Station.

The Romford police were informed. Mr. Newnam's friends are afraid that overwork has brought about a temporary loss of memory.

The agent is a married man, 51 years old. He is 5ft. 10in. in height, has brown hair, turning grey, greyish blue eyes, fresh complexion, and fair moustache.

He was dressed in a dark grey suit, dark overcoat, and grey felt hat.

### NIGHT MOTOR SMASH.

#### MAN KILLED WHILE HELPING HORSE UP HILL.

One man was killed and five were injured in a remarkable collision which occurred at Bromley Hill, Kent, shortly before midnight.

The driver of a market cart, assisted by pedestrians, was pushing the cart up the hill when a large car knocked down, dashing into the cart.

Three men helping him were injured and taken to Bromley Cottage Hospital in an ambulance. One of them, Alexander Dipple (23), of Sidcup, died yesterday morning. The others are under treatment for minor injuries.

The driver and two passengers of the car were also hurt and cut and were taken to the Bromley Hill garage, where they received first aid.

Owing to the slippery nature of the road the horse was being assisted by pedestrians.

### MERCHANT FINED £5,000.

#### JUDGE ON "INGENIOUS" INCOME-TAX FRAUD.

A fine of £5,000 for what Mr. Justice Acton described as "serious frauds on the income tax authorities, which might be fairly described as considerable, ingenious and persistent," was inflicted at Birmingham Assizes yesterday on Thomas James Priestman, metal merchant, carrying on business in Leopolst, Birmingham.

Priestman, who pleaded guilty, was also ordered to pay the costs of the prosecution.

Mr. A. G. Hurst, K.C., who prosecuted, said the condition of the metal market during the later stages of the war were such that men in defendant's position were able to make fabulous sums. This almost unheard of wealth coming to the defendant appeared to have been used in order to avoid paying in full enormous sums due in taxes and E.P.D., to embark on a course of deception and fraud.

For seventeen months ended December, 1917, the profits made by the defendant's business were £78,000. At the time of the proceedings before the magistrate defendant paid £20,000 to cover the loss to the revenue.

"These offences merit a term of imprisonment," commented the judge, "but having regard to the fact that other persons have to be considered I have, with grave hesitation, decided to inflict a fine."

### COURTSHIP AND CONSCIENCE.

#### Accused Man Who Worked for the Salvation Army.

Chas. Frederick Holmes (34), who was said to have been discharged in disgrace from the Irish Guards, was remanded at Marylebone yesterday on a charge (to which he pleaded guilty) of stealing a revolver and other property, valued at £25, from the residence of Mr. H. Hirsch, a merchant, at Maresfield-gardens, Hampstead.

He courted the maid at the house while the family were away, said Det. Sgt. King, and stole the key of the house from her. Next morning he entered with the stolen key, collected the property, and disappeared.

Magistrate: Why? Sgt. King replied that Holmes had been employed by the Salvation Army as a porter, and apparently, under the influence of his surroundings, his conscience pricked him.

### MILE END FIRE VICTIMS.

A father, mother and son are detained at the Leam Hospital as a result of extensive burns received in a fire which occurred early yesterday morning at a house in Harlow-place, Mile End.

They are Mr. Joseph Joseph, Mrs. Martha Joseph and Daniel Joseph. A daughter, Hannah, and another son, Martin, were also injured, but were allowed to go home after medical attention.

The fire is believed to have originated in a back room, which was practically destroyed.

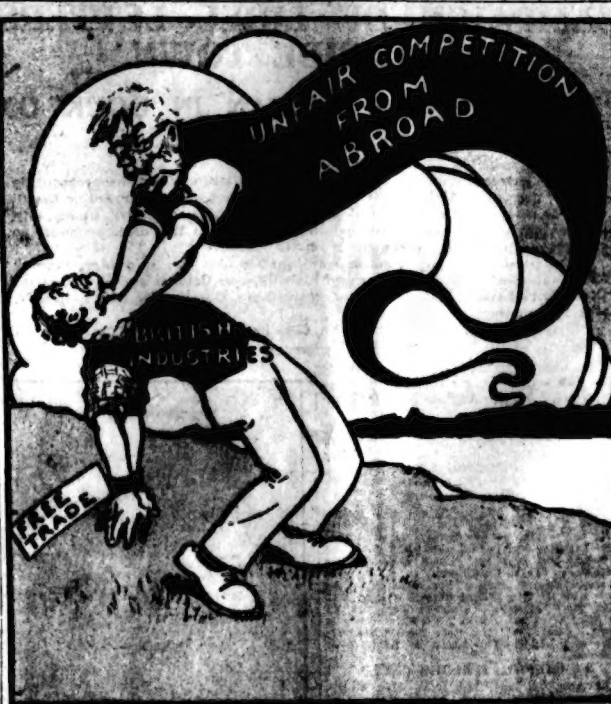
### SLEPT IN THE WOODS.

At an inquest at Mile End yesterday on William Smith (37), of 100 St. Paul's-road, a brother said the family had given him food, clothing, and money and had found him sleeping in the woods and go his way.

Smith was found lying in a wood, where he had slept throughout a frost, when he was unable to stand.

Dr. Murray of the North Middlesex Hospital, said Smith was in a comatose condition. Death was due to heart failure following exposure and cold.

Verdict: Death from natural causes.



UNTIE HIS HANDS AND LET HIM HAVE A STRAIGHT FIGHT.

## EXCESSIVE CANING FATHER'S PRIDE OF PLACE.

### FOR BOY OF 9.

#### HEADMASTER TO PAY COSTS OF PROSECUTION.

The question of what constitutes excessive punishment in school was debated in Stratford police court yesterday, when William Horton, headmaster of Harrow Green Council School, Leyton, was summoned for assaulting Thomas Carr, aged 9, of Norman-road, Leyton.

It was stated that while on his way to school Carr accidentally upset a dustbin. Later Mr. Horton asked if he had knocked the dustbin over, and he replied that he did. The headmaster then told him to hold his hand out, and when he began to cry hit him a number of times and badly bruised him.

A police surgeon said that the boy was rather severely bruised, there were 9 distinct marks, and he was of opinion a good deal of violence must have been used.

It was stated for the defence that the boy was very obstinate, and had been previously punished for disobedience. There was no doubt that the defendant was empowered to administer punishment, and in his opinion he did not deal too harshly with the boy.

Mr. Horton stated on oath that he had been in the service of the Leyton authority for 25 years, and had never had a complaint made against him before. The Council had written to headmasters about boys causing a nuisance by knocking over dust-bins, and he had cautioned the scholars. He saw Carr upset a dust-bin, and when he was about to cane him on the hand Carr refused to hold out his hand. He then hit Carr four times. They were hard blows, but not severe.

Evidence was given that the defendant had previously been noted for his kindness to boys.

After consultation the Bench said the punishment was excessive, but in all the circumstances the case would be dismissed on payment of £2 2s. costs.

### NEW FRONTIER CRIME.

#### POLITICAL OFFICER MURDERED BY WAZIRIS.

Delhi, Saturday. Another outrage has been committed on the North-West Frontier.

While motorizing yesterday near Manikwala, Baluchistan, Major H. C. Finnis, political officer, was fired at and killed by a gang of Waziris.

The driver and a member of Major Finnis's escort were also fatally wounded.

The murderers fled northward after the crime. All the passes have been blocked and pursuit parties have been sent out.

Major Finnis's widow and children are staying at Quetta. —Reuter.

## THIS MORNING'S LATEST LINES.

In one night foxes killed 65 head of poultry on a farm at Sishow, N. Yorks. A fox with a rabbit between its teeth was found cut in half on the railway line at Sharnford, near Guildford.

The Prince of Wales took first prize in the class for beasts under two years old at the Birmingham Cattle Show, which opened yesterday. The animal with which he secured the trophy was a young steer from Cornwall.

Got Evangelist's Mission. Miss Ida Wembell, the 17-year-old girl Evangelist, has just concluded a successful mission at Kilsnoe, Leicestershire.

Notion's Gossip. A Sheraton dressing-table, which belonged to Nelson and was given to Miss Ellen Terry by a lieutenant of Captain Hardy of the Victory, was sold for £25 at Sotheby's.

Fishermen Emigrating. —Cornish fishermen are emigrating overseas in blocs, eight men, whose ages range between 18 and 40, left one port alone in the past week. The men's average earnings this year have been 12s. per week.

Vicious Fines. —Among a number of motorists who were fined yesterday at Woking, Surrey, for exceeding the speed limit, was Vincent Crabtree, heir to the title of Salisbury. He was fined £5.

Shower To Resume Work. —The Chislehurst, Kent, miners who have been locked out for three weeks, decided yesterday at a meeting at Ramsgate to resume work on the company's terms—involving a reduction of about 10 per cent.

Killed By Father's Side. —While walking home with his father, Alexander Pearson Roberts, of Head Cottage, Brindley, Cheshire, was knocked down and fatally injured by a motor-car driven by Albert Edwin Howarth, of New Hall Garage, Manchester.

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## WONDERFUL QUEEN ALEXANDRA.

### SHOALS OF GOOD WISHES ON 79th BIRTHDAY.

Queen Alexandra, who was 79 yesterday, received congratulations from all parts of the Empire.

She is staying at Sandringham, whither the King journeyed from London to pay birthday greetings.

The Lord Mayor of London was one of the first to send a congratulatory message to Her Majesty. He received the following reply:

"The Lord Mayor, Mansion House, London. I thank you, my Lord Mayor, most warmly for your kind telegram of congratulations and good wishes on my birthday, which I appreciate greatly."

Please convey my very grateful thanks to the citizens of London for their ever kind and affectionate remembrance of me on this anniversary. —Alexandra."

Royal salutes were fired by the warships at the Nore ports, while the battleship Ramillies and other Atlantic Fleet ships dressed rainbow fashion to celebrate the anniversary.

A salute of 21 guns was fired at Aldershot by the R.F.A., and the customary honours were paid at all naval and military stations at home and abroad.

Princess Victoria, Queen Alexandra's daughter, is staying with her mother.

### A DOGGED DEFENCE!

#### COURT UNABLE TO TRANSLATE "BOW-WOW."

At Tottenham a lady called a dog a "dear." A policeman called it something else.

The position at the moment is that the court has not decided whether the animal is what the lady called it or what the policeman says it is.

The policeman summoned the lady for allowing a ferocious dog to be at large, and complained that it attacked him. The dog was in court and the lady inquired: "Did you, dear?"

The dog barked, but no interpreter was at hand to say whether the bark signified "yes" or "no."

The lady was satisfied it was "no," for she described the animal as a "most inoffensive dog, the dearest dog possible. Such a dear that the children could do as they pleased with it."

The constable asked leave to call evidence that the dog was a vicious brute and the case was adjourned.

### CITY CORPORATION AND R.E.E.

#### Plan for Special Exhibition Building Falls Through.

"The People" understands that the City Corporation project for being represented at the British Empire Exhibition at Wembley by a special building or other activity has fallen through.

The matter was given the most careful consideration, not only by the members of the Corporation, but also by the Masters of the leading companies and other notabilities.

In view of the commitments already entered into by those concerned, and the possibility of some portion of the substantial guarantees in connection with the exhibition being called for, the scheme was reluctantly abandoned.

At the same time the members of the Corporation and the various City guilds are sympathetically disposed towards the exhibition, and are anxious to promote its success in every possible way.

### UNKNOWN DISEASE.

#### DEATH FROM MALADY DOCTORS WERE UNABLE TO DIAGNOSE.

Though he had been seen 45 times by doctors and had been to two hospitals, no one could say definitely from what Robert Johnson (32), a bookbinder, of Edmonton, N., was suffering.

He died suddenly in bed, and at the inquest the Coroner said that the contents of the stomach had been analysed by Mr. John Webster, the Home Office pathologist, but nothing had been found to account for death.

A post mortem examination by two doctors had also failed to reveal anything that was sufficient to cause death. The coroner recorded a verdict of death from natural causes.

### "PITY THE POOR—"

#### BEGGAR'S £200 CONCEALED IN COTTON WOOL.

When Alick Simons, over 70 years of age, was charged at Thames Police Court with begging in Commercial-road, it was stated that he had in his possession, concealed in cotton-wool round his neck and waist, no less a sum than £200 odd in Treasury notes.

A previous conviction at Old-st., where he was fined £5, was mentioned, and he was now fined £25, or in default three months' imprisonment.

The fine was paid.

### Marriage Makes the Man.

The conduct of a Grimby man who made his 3rd appearance in the police court was stated to have "improved wonderfully since marriage."

Shooting Mishap. —Harold Whitley (25), of Highfield Farm, Luton, Northamptonshire, while rabbit shooting, accidentally discharged the contents of the gun into his right arm.

Million From Tobacco. —Mr. James Smith, of Montgomerie-drive, Glasgow, who was connected with the Imperial Tobacco Company of Great Britain and Ireland, Ltd., left £200,000. Of this £20,000 is payable in death duties.

C.B. for Echoes Here. —It was announced in the "London Gazette" that the order of Companion of the Bath had been conferred upon Surgeon-Commander William Percival Hingston, R.N., in recognition of his gallant conduct during the earthquake in Yokohama last September.

Impacts and Handwriting. —The headmaster of King Edward VI. Grammar School, Bath, has decided to abolish written impositions and substitute a system of black marks. The object is to mitigate the effect of written impositions on handwriting.

Cartridge Explosion Echo. —The fund raised on behalf of the victims of the cartridge explosion at Tipton, Staffs., last year, when 19 girls lost their lives, totalled £2,700. The money has been invested for the five survivors, who will each receive £135 per annum for life or a lump sum of £1.

## PASSING OF EARL LOREBURN.

### NO HEIR TO PEERAGE.

#### EX-LORD CHANCELLOR AND HIS BRIAR.

Earl Loreburn, the former Lord Chancellor, has died at his residence, Kingsdown House, Kingsdown, near Deal. He was 77 years of age.

Some weeks ago he had a slight stroke, and since then had been confined to bed. His last moments were peaceful and free from suffering.

When his gardener—an old friend—visited the sick room a few days ago, Lord Loreburn did not recognise him.

During his term on the Woolsack he declined on more than one occasion to allow political considerations to prejudice his personal views, and there were, in consequence, heartburnings in the Liberal ranks.

When, for example, he was besieged by Liberal recommendations for the appointment of magistrates, the Liberal Lord Chancellor refused to accept many of the nominees, appointing Conservatives where he thought fit.

Pension Cut by Half. His opinions on the course of the war by no means coincided with those of his old Liberal colleagues who were in office when hostilities began, and in his book, "How the War Came," published in 1919, he was almost as strong in his condemnation of the British as of the German Government.

Lord Loreburn finally voted in the direction of Labour, and wrote at least one letter in support of the policy of that party at the last election.

In 1917 he raised the question of the sale of honours, and a year later, at his own request, he had his pension of £5,000 reduced by half.

"There is nothing the matter with me, only old age," he declared on his 70th anniversary last April.

"We old men are no longer of any use," he added. "We have had our day, although I am afraid we have left a lot for the younger men to clear up."

Lord Loreburn was very fond of his pipe. In his last days, as "Bobby Reid," he favoured an old blackened clay; later he favoured a short briar, which figured in an amusing incident in the House of Lords.

Putting a bundle of notes from his pocket on rising to speak, the familiar briar dropped out and rolled along the floor.

Without more ado, the Earl, flinging his memoranda and dignity aside, dived after his treasure and recovered it amid sympathetic cheers from the red benches.

After the cremation of the body at Golders Green it is understood that the ashes will be taken to Scotland for burial. There is no heir to the peerage.

Unemployed Man Drowned. Wm. John Parsons (49), who has been unemployed for nearly a year, told his wife he was going for a walk, but a week later his body was recovered from a stream.

A verdict of found drowned was returned at the inquest held at Farnham, Somerset, yesterday, when evidence was given that the man was depressed in consequence of his unemployment.

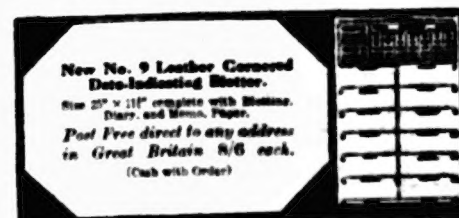
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## POLICE RAID ON HOTEL.

### OWNER CONVICTED.

### WATCH ON NOCTURNAL VISITORS.

The withdrawal of a plea of "Guilty" and the cancelling of a sentence of imprisonment was followed at the Marylebone Police Court by a protracted hearing of a charge brought by the police against Peter Stalker (60), the proprietor of the Warwick Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace, which immediately faces the side entrance to Paddington Station (G.W.R.), of keeping the hotel for improper purposes.

Mr. Chas. Victor Hill prosecuted for the Paddington Borough Council. Mr. J. P. Eddy defended.

It was stated that the accused, a tall, well-dressed man of military appearance, with grey hair, took the hotel furnished in July last at a rental of ten guineas weekly and lived there with his wife and young child.

The place consisted of 15 rooms, and, according to the evidence of two police officers, during the week in which observation was kept, 56 couples went there between the hours of 8 p.m. and 2 a.m., the women, nine in number, being known to the officers. In nearly every instance, it was stated, the accused admitted them.

He had also supplied the police with interesting information, said Mr. Hill, for he kept a book in which he gave details of his visitors, and when arrested by Inspector Isted and informed of the charge, he asked, "Am I the only one around here?"

The inspector described the people he found in the hotel when he raided it at 1.55 in the morning, and said there was no evidence of any genuine hotel business being carried on as regards catering.

When charged, the accused replied, "Not knowingly."

Giving evidence in his own behalf, the accused emphatically denied the charge.

He admitted that some of his visitors might have abused their use of the hotel, and he declared that whenever he discovered it he turned out the offenders. Incidentally, he mentioned that during the war he and his wife supplied from ten to fifteen thousand meals a day at the Hayes filling factory.

Mr. Cancellor, who ascertained that the accused's child of 2½ years of age lived in the basement, found the accused guilty.

Saying that he regarded it as a bad case, he recommended the sentence of two months' imprisonment which he passed the previous week.

"Of course, he intends to appeal," said counsel, and in the event of his doing so the magistrate fixed sittings at two in £20.

Stalker subsequently gave notice of appeal, and was released.

## GIRL ABDUCTED BY HER MOTHER.

### GUARDIANS' CLAIM AS LEGAL PARENTS.

"You are harbouring a child that in law belongs to someone else," declared the Willenden magistrate yesterday to Mrs. Mary Garvey, a widow, of Church-rd., who appeared before him, charged with taking away her daughter, aged 16, from the custody of the Guardians.

"The adoption must be annulled before you can have the care of her."

It was stated that the girl had been maintained by the Guardians since 1914. In 1922, because of the alleged unsuitable conditions at her mother's home, the child was adopted by the Board, and was being trained for domestic service.

The mother, a few weeks ago, asked for the girl to go to her grandmother for a holiday, and then fetched her home, making "drudge" of her, and refusing to let her return to the Guardians' school.

She was ordered to give up the girl.

### BOXER FOR TRIAL.

"BOY" MCCORMICK'S PLEA OF NOT GUILTY.

Noel McCormick, the boxer, known as "Boy" McCormick, aged 23, and William Boulton, aged 27, both of Clarence-avenue, Withington, and Wally Meagher, Blair-rd., Withington, who are charged with having behaved improperly towards young women in an office in Peter-st., Manchester, were committed for trial at the Sessions when the case was resumed in the Manchester Police Court.

Harry Dodd, of Fabian-st., Broughton, who is charged with aiding and abetting, was also committed.

It was submitted on behalf of McCormick and Meagher that on the evidence no jury was likely to convict.

Counsel for Boulton and Dodd said they both strongly denied the charges, and reserved their defence.

The four defendants were allowed bail in two securities of £100 each.

### KICKED BY A HORSE.

Injured Man's Three Hours in a Frost-bound Field.

Looking from a carriage window on the Birmingham Light Railway yesterday a passenger noticed a man lying in a rail-side field. He gave information at the first stopping place, and the people who went to investigate found George Wilkinson, a horseman, lying helpless with a broken leg.

Kicked by a horse, he had been three hours in a frost-bound field and was unable to move.

## CAMPAIGN OF LIBEL LETTERS IN SEASIDE TOWN.

### PRETTY YOUNG WOMAN IN DOCK ON FOURTEEN CHARGES.

Some extraordinary anonymous letters, containing what the prosecuting counsel described as "a tissue of lies," were read at Crompton Police Court, when Dorothy Myrtle Thurburn (23), a pretty, blue-eyed girl, living with her mother at Dunnellie, Sheringham, appeared in the dock on fourteen charges of publishing defamatory libels.

The persons alleged to have been libelled are Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Christopher, a bank director and his wife, and Colonel and Mrs. Charles Copeman. Letters had also been received by Dorothy Thurburn herself, and her mother.

Miss Thurburn was remanded on £750 bail until Friday, December 14.

The campaign of libelous letters went on, said Mr. C. B. Hill, for the prosecution, from August 9 to November 4.

The first charge was that on or about Nov. 2 Miss Thurburn published a libel concerning Mrs. Christopher in a letter addressed to Mr. Stanley Christopher enclosing a letter purporting to have been written to Miss Thurburn.

Although Mrs. Christopher has spoken about you in the most evil way, you have not said a word about her. You are a wicked, fast woman, and are in love with her servant Johnnie and does not care a d— for her husband. She is a wicked, fast woman, and I have told you calling her back late. Now can any woman, calling herself a lady, sit and carry on with a common man, but, as I have often said, money does not make a lady. What about the time the Christopher girl had with Johnnie (a servant) in London.

"SPITEFUL, JEALOUS CATS." On Aug. 15, said Mr. Hill, Mrs. Copeman, of Abbey Lodge, Sheringham, received an anonymous letter, which said:

M— d—ng you now, you spiteful jealous cat and a she-devil. Take care. Your past is going to be written all round, so let your friend D. H. meet your old boy, but inquire into her past. But you must ever let the Thurburn girl meet him. You see, she has not a past like D.

Look too at D. I am going to write them all. Every day I am going to write them about you and the old Christopher girl. You both are spiteful, jealous cats.

Another alleged libel concerning Mrs. Christopher was contained in a letter addressed to Mrs. Keith, of Nelson-rd., Sheringham:

Perhaps you don't know what D. H. is like, as she went away to a hotel with him. The old Christopher girl is no different, as she is in love with her servant Johnnie. He calls her dear. They kiss, and he spends the evenings sitting up in her drawing-room.

This is true and I can prove every word. Similar letters are alleged to have been sent to Mrs. Copeman, Mrs. Linnell, and Lady Bainbridge, on Nov. 4, and to Mrs. Copeman on Oct. 23, the last saying:

To Mrs. Copeman, or, in other words, the biggest mischief-maker in Sheringham.

As I have said many times before, your tongue has been set on edge, and you are a wicked, fast woman, and I have told you calling her back late.

Fancy you saying all round Mrs. M. was writing the letters! And now you say the opportunity to return to the "What proof have you that I ever wrote an anonymous letter?" The superintendent read the other warrants, and after being again cautioned, defendant said: "I can swear on oath that I have never written a single anonymous letter or postcard in my life."

Mrs. Christopher was the first witness called. She said she considered that Mrs. Christopher and the Christopher girl mentioned in the letters and postcards Mr. Hill had read referred to herself. There was no truth in any of the allegations.

Superintendent Carter described the arrest of Mrs. Thurburn and the defendant raised no objection to his making a search in the letter's bedroom, but he found nothing incriminating there.

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## PENSIONS CANARD NAILED DOWN.

### NO ECONOMIES AT THE EXPENSE OF DISABLED.

Captain C. C. Craig, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Pensions, has nailed another political lie concerning war pensions to the counter. Speaking at Brighton, he said:

"The Labour party, in order to get the ex-service vote, are charging the Conservative Government with betraying the policy of the present Minister, Major Tryon, is to economise at the expense of the pensioners. These statements are absolutely false."

He thereupon gave plain facts and figures, showing that the action of the Pensions Minister (who is a Unionist candidate for Brighton) had been to recommend to the Government a decision of advantage to the pensioners, and in every case the Government had given that favourable decision.

Despite the proposal of the Geddes Committee that a definite reduction should be made in the amount paid to the wife and family of a disabled man while he was in hospital, the allowances remain untouched.

On the other hand economies amounting to about £2,000,000 have been effected in the cost of administration.

Another concession which Major Tryon fought and obtained for the pensioners was after a scheme (accepted by all political parties) by which it was proposed to reduce the rate of pensions in accordance with the cost of living.

The late Government, however, on Major Tryon's recommendation, stabilised the rate for a further period of three years. The result is that the pensioners of this concession in the current year amount to between £2,000,000 and £7,000,000.

**SOLDIER TO DIE.**

**CORPORAL WHO GAGGED HIS COMRADE IN A COPSE.**

Only twenty years of age, Lee-corpl. A. E. Dearnley, of the 1st Bn. Leicestershire Regt., is sentenced to death at the gallows for the murder of his comrade, Drummer Ellis, of the same battalion.

The skeleton of Harris was found in a copse at Aldershot last September, after he had been missing for five months.

Dearnley, in his story, told in court, spoke of a quarrel that occurred when Ellis met Dearnley's friend, a Miss Storey.

Following this episode, while he and Ellis were out walking, they played cowboys and Indians.

Dearnley described how he wound a rope round Ellis's ankles and then tied his hands.

Afterwards he gagged his companion, and made him promise never to insult Miss Storey again.

He returned to barracks, and the next morning overslept and did not get an opportunity to return to Ellis. When Ellis did not come back, he thought if he had not deserted he must be dead.

Dearnley added that he had no intention of doing Ellis any serious harm.

It was stated that prisoner's brother was in an asylum, and his mother was in an asylum before she died.

**CITY KNIGHT'S SUIT.**

In the Divorce Court Mr. Justice Horridge granted an application to the divorce petition of Sir Harold John de Courcy Moore, a former Sheriff of the City of London, against his wife should be again on the list for hearing a divorce.

Sir Harold accuses his wife of adultery with a chauffeur.

## MRS. GAMMON TRIES 'ER 'AND AT CANVASSING.

### Oculatory Tactics in Park Lane.

The delicate art of baby-kissing, so aptly described by the chronicler of the immortal Katsuragi election, has been in varying degree up to the present day.

Nowadays we see enthusiastic ladies, in their silk and satin, boldly entering the home of the working-class mother, who, with scant respect, allows her babies the doubtful privilege of a peck on the cheek.

Mrs. Gammon, who is introduced below, is not one of that ilk, but she was fired with enthusiasm to imitate mildly, though but a working woman.

And what more natural plan could Mrs. Gammon pursue than to return the compliment of the well-to-do electioneer?

"Good morning, Mrs. Gammon. Lovely day. Oh! Oh! What a lovely child! You know, my good woman, the only way for this child to have a good chance in life is to vote for Mr. Potter. May I tell him that he will be favoured with your vote?"

"At any rate, she went. Listen to her adventures:—

"Canvassing," said I, of course that being a lady's terms for "awking." "I'd be delighted," she replied, "to see you at the election. I know all about canvassing, seeing from my youth how I've 'ad the doubtful pleasure of entertaining the ladies working on behalf of the candidate—sorry, I mean dear, my fruitarian knowledge being that weak."

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## COCAINE TRAFFIC DECREASING.

## POLICE PRAISED.

## WOMAN SENT TO CONVENT INSTEAD OF PRISON.

Thanks to the ceaseless efforts of the police, the cocaine traffic in London is being suppressed.

This statement was made at Marlborough-st. Police Court yesterday, when Jane Pys (40), described as a haberdasher, of Upper Rathbone-place, was again brought before Mr. Wilberforce, charged with being in unauthorised possession of cocaine. Accused, who was defended by Mr. Dagg, pleaded guilty, on promising to go into a convent for six months.

Detective Owen informed the magistrate that the woman had been a widow for ten years, and had a very respectable daughter, aged 20. Accused had been keeping the shop since her husband's death in May 1922, when, after taking up packets of cocaine in a fire, she was sentenced to four months' hard labour.

In reply to Mr. Dagg, the detective stated that he had given the woman some money out of generosity, as she lived in a poor part of the district and had only a few shillings for her business not being very successful.

"I congratulate the officers generally for the way they are putting an end to this traffic—a difficult thing to do," said Mr. Dagg. "As far as this particular offender is concerned, he has been very successful."

The magistrate, who added that the woman was getting nothing for the cocaine. A black man had gone to see accused the day before her arrest, and said he would be there at two o'clock the next day, but did not turn up.

Another man came and said the black man could not come, but he would be at the court at that hour, and he asked her to be there to give him packets of cocaine. She kept the appointment, and was then arrested.

Mr. Wilberforce, who was told that the woman would be trained and would have to work in the convent, said it would be more satisfactory than sending her to prison for a long period.

## EAST TO WEST END.

## CHINAMAN'S PRETTY WIFE SENT TO PRISON.

A connecting link between the drug traffic in the East and West of London was revealed at Thames Police Court during the prosecution of Julia Kitt for being in unauthorised possession of cocaine.

She, the pretty English wife of a Chinese, and was sentenced by Mr. Cairns to six months' imprisonment.

For two years the woman, it is alleged, has been engaged in "running down" the West End, going by motor car from Chiswick to expensive West End night clubs and resorts near Tottenham Court Road.

It is believed she obtained the drug from Hamburg.

Kitt was arrested in Limehouse Causeway as she was about to step into a waiting motor car.

A Liverpool girl, Kitt, after her arrival in London, married a Chinaman, by whom she had two children, and became engaged in the drug traffic.

For months detectives had been shadowing her, and on the eve of her arrest followed her motor car from one East End public house to another.

Kitt was expensively dressed on the night of her arrest, but when she appeared in dock wore the oddest of clothes.

"The West End has been troubled a good deal with this terrible traffic," observed the magistrate in passing sentence, "and I can promise the people of this district that I shall do all in my power that the traffic is not moved to this district."

## WORKERS' SEARCHLIGHT.

BY ANDREW BUCHAN, N.J.P.

ATTENTION being the sincerest form of flattery, I think readers will agree that the "Searchlight" may pride itself on the fact that its policy has been adopted not only by Liberals, but by a sprinkling of Labour candidates.

I have urged, in season and out of season, that a new spirit of co-operation between employers and employees be created; that the workers should be an active stake in the country and the industry in which they work; that security of employment, as it exists and is practised in the Civil Service, is essential for all workers; that everything which gives a worker a sense of security, such as the income limit of the Old Age Pension Act, should be removed; that a new system of insurance against sickness, old age and unemployment, with the co-operation, but not the management, of the State should be aimed at; and last, but not least, that workers, farmers and craftsmen should have the right to secure their own means, farms and premises.

**OWNERSHIP.** In the Liberal party's manifesto we read "It is the duty of the State to secure the ownership of the land." Will any Liberal tell me why the Liberal Government was ever opposed, and why the L.L. League was allowed to die?

As an old member of the League I can say that the Liberal party allowed the League to die because they believed that the creation of a new State was the only way to secure the ownership of the land.

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## HISTORIC MANSION BURNED DOWN.

## BARONET'S ART TREASURES PERISH IN FLAMES.

Miskin Manor, the beautiful residence of Sir Rhys Williams, B.O., Recorder of Cardiff, to which historical associations dating to medieval times attach, was yesterday morning destroyed by fire, the financial loss running into many thousands of pounds.

The police were first notified of the outbreak at about 3.30 a.m., and when the fire brigade from Pontypridd arrived on the scene, which is about two miles from Llantrisant on the Cardiff side, the flames were such a dense smoke that it was at once apparent that the building was doomed.

The family was not in residence, while fortunately the servants were able to leave the place before real danger threatened them.

A valuable collection of books and art treasures, which formerly belonged to the late Judge Williams, father of the present baronet, was destroyed.

## NO RIGHT TO TITLE "DOCTOR."

## Maximum Penalty Imposed on Unregistered Man.

The maximum penalty of £20 was imposed on Clarence Wilfred O'Donoghue, of Plumstead, by the Woolwich magistrate, for having falsely used the title of doctor, and implying that he was registered.

Mrs. Ellen Watkins, whose suit was attended by O'Donoghue, said that she had recently been treated by a plate outside the house bearing the inscription, "Dr. C. W. O'Donoghue, Health Institute." He never disclaimed the title of "Doctor."

Mr. Vaughan, for the defence, said his client frequently disclaimed the title of doctor.

The magistrate said the Medical Defence Union had very properly taken up the prosecution. He was glad, however, that there was no suggestion that O'Donoghue had dealt with any of his patients unskillfully.

## NIPPED IN THE BUD.

## The Persevering Lad and the Penalty.

When a youth was summoned at Tottenham for not having a licence for the motor-scooter he possessed, it was explained that the scooter was once ridden by his lady employer. The other day he discovered it beneath a heap of rubbish.

It was then not in working order, so with the lady's sanction he took it home and by dint of perseverance made it workable. He was having his first ride when the policeman asked for his driving licence.

Magistrate (in imposing a small fine): Well, my boy, that's the first check to your genius.

## ARREST AFTER 'PHONE CALL.

"I wanted to get back to Liverpool," said Frank Wheatley (25), hotel porter, of Everton-road, Liverpool, who remained yesterday at Nottingham, together with Samuel Galbraith (25), fitter, of Belfast, on a charge of stealing a motor-car, value £20.

The vehicle was taken from the road-side and the men were arrested at Mansfield, with which town the Nottingham police had communicated by telephone.

## CRUSHED BENEATH LIFT.

Thomas Tibbitt (16), was crushed beneath a lift yesterday in a warehouse in Charterhouse-st., E.C. Special appliances had to be used to extricate the boy, who was taken to St. Bartholomew's Hospital in a serious condition.

## FINANCE FOR THE PEOPLE.

## SUGAR-TIN-A CHRISTMAS TIP.

(By OUR CITY EDITOR, "BROADCASTER.")

Markets have been like the policy of certain "Independent" candidates for Parliamentary honours, decidedly "wobbly." By the time my article appears the die will be cast and we shall know whether to look forward to financial stability or — but there, I won't give my readers the creeps, just a last word of advice.

You insure your house against fire and burglary, you possibly insure your life. Now insure your country; just realise how important it is to you to have a steady Conservative Government in power and what an important thing it is to help find work for the unemployed.

People get very confused arguing about Free Trade and Protection. The other day I heard a well-known member of the Stock Exchange put the case very clearly. He said:

"If any Government imported cheap foreign labour to take away from British working men, merely because the foreign labour was prepared to work for lower wages, the Labour party would start a revolution, and quite rightly so, and yet because the Government wants to stop the actual foreign labour, being dumped into this country and so taking away work from the British working man (as surely as if the actual foreign worker had come out of his job), the Labour party opposes them."

I think this defines protection of our industries and the unexplainable attitude of the Labour party.

Now, all of you who read this article want stock and share prices to rise. Very well, help yourself by not merely voting for the party which will lead to better markets—that is the Conservative party—but step round and help your own Conservative candidate by voting for him.

I apologise for the amount of political matter I have written the last few weeks, but the future trend of prices is certainly dependent on the result of the election. That is what I have tried to make my readers realise; I hope I have succeeded.

## INVESTMENTS.

Last week and the week before, I dealt with certain of the very best British Government securities, the yield from which is up to 5 per cent. per annum, that is for every £100 invested something under £5 per annum is received in dividends. I dealt with these because, in accordance with our motto, Safety First, everyone should have a portion of their savings in the highest class, and safest securities in this country.

This week I propose to give a list of Preference shares which I consider very sound. I divide these into three classes:

## CLASS A.

In Class A, I place Preference shares yielding over 5 per cent. and under 6 per cent. I recommend any of the following:

|  | Price | Yield |
|--|-------|-------|
| 1. Chelsea Electric Supply 5%.         | 22/1  | 5.0   |
| 2. Brunner Mond 7 1/2% Cum.            | 27/6  | 5.0   |
| 3. Lancashire 8% Cum.                  | 21/6  | 5.0   |
| 4. Yorkshire Electric Power 6% Cum.    | 21/6  | 5.0   |
| 5. North Metropolitan Electric 6% Cum. | 21/6  | 5.0   |
| 6. Bristol and Glos. Electric 6% Cum.  | 21/6  | 5.0   |
| 7. London Electric 4 1/2% Cum.         | 21/6  | 5.0   |
| 8. Union Cold Storage 6% Cum.          | 21/6  | 5.0   |
| 9. Fish Bone 7% Cum.                   | 21/6  | 5.0   |

## CLASS B.

In Class B, I place Preference shares yielding over 6 per cent. and under 7 per cent. Of course, the higher the yield the greater the risk, yet I think the following quite safe—

|                                | Price | Yield |
|--------------------------------|-------|-------|
| 1. Oriental Telephone 7% Pref. | 22/6  | 6.4   |
| 2. London & Co. 7% Pref.       | 24/6  | 6.0   |
| 3. General Electric 7% Cum.    | 22/6  | 6.0   |
| 4. General Electric 7% Cum.    | 22/6  | 6.0   |
| 5. Union Cold Storage 7% Cum.  | 22/6  | 6.0   |

## CLASS C.

In Class C, I place Preference shares yielding over 7 per cent. Of course, these are not as safe as the others; still, I believe them to be sound.

|                               | Price | Yield |
|-------------------------------|-------|-------|
| 1. Dorman Long 8% Cum.        | 22/6  | 7.4   |
| 2. Whitehead Electric Invest. | 22/6  | 7.0   |
| 3. London & Co. 7% Pref.      | 22/6  | 7.0   |
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## SUGAR IS SWEET.

I have just seen the annual report of Sena Sugar Estates, Ltd., for the year ending December 31, 1922. This period was a disappointing one, but that fact is old history. A dividend of 2 1/2 per cent. has been declared. The balance sheet shows the strength of the company at December 31, 1922. Despite the fact that the company had £305,218 cash in hand, £135,500 stores on hand, £167,727 stock of sugar, £137,328 sundry debtors, £47,583 investments.

The company has done extraordinarily well this year. The prospects for 1923 are satisfactory. For 1923 the output was 23,900 tons. The output has already reached 13,500 tons. The report further states that the prices realised have been an excess of last year. In view of the substantial increase in the price of this commodity and the increased output, I feel confident in saying the position of this company warrants a much higher price for the ordinary shares than that ruling in the market.

The annual meeting will be held on December 11, and I hope the chairman will take that opportunity of taking the shareholders into his confidence and unfold to them the exceptional soundness of the company's position and prospects. I know sugar is speculative, but I unhesitatingly recommend a purchase of these shares as a long-term investment. The shares are at the present price of 2 1/2, for good dividends and capital appreciation.

## SOCIALISTS AND INDIA (2).

Leading Socialists such as George Lansbury, Colonel Wedgwood and others have encouraged and assisted the extreme "nationalist" movement in India. Socialists have frequently been based at Labour meetings with this object, and deputations have visited India and co-operated with the extremists in their demand for "self-determination" and "independence."

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## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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## ELDER WHO ANOINTED A CHILD'S THROAT.

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Coroner: How long had it had pneumonia?—For a week.

If the child had received medical aid a week ago, could you say the child's life would have been saved?—I could not say that the child's life would have been saved.

Are you in a position to say that its life would have been prolonged?—It might have been prolonged.

Is that the fullest answer to which you are entitled?—I could not say definitely that the child's life could have been prolonged.

A verdict of death from acute lobar pneumonia was returned.

## AN UNMARRIED MOTHER.

## INSURANCE ACT PROBLEM IN THE HIGH COURT.

A question of importance to approved societies under the Health Insurance Act was raised in a King's Bench Divisional Court. Judgment was given by Mr. Justice Macnaghten in the case of *The National Approved Society v. The Secretary of State for the Home Department*.

The National Approved Society expelled an unmarried woman from membership, on the ground that she was about to become a mother.

It was argued on the woman's behalf, that, as the Insurance Act forbade a society to refuse a woman of child-bearing age, it also precluded a society from expelling her on the same grounds.

Mr. Comyns Carr, on the other hand, contended that approved societies were not constituted as to be able to frame any rules they liked, and that they were not inconsistent with the Act.

**FARMS FOR EMIGRANTS.** Farm lands in Canada are being disposed of by the Canadian Pacific Railway at prices ranging from 43 1/2 p. per acre.

The lands vary from open, flat and undulating prairie to slightly timbered or park-like. Purchases may be made on the instalment plan—payments being extended over 36 months if desired. Details are contained in a booklet which may be obtained free on application to the Land Department, Canadian Pacific Railway, 635, Charing Cross, S.W.1.

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## CHAPTER IX.







## SPORT IN THE SCHOOLS: SHIELD RESULTS.

## INTERNATIONAL MATCHES: SELECTING TEAMS.

## MANY MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE WERE

decided at the recent Council meeting of the English Schools F.A., and as many of the members are probably interested in the arrangements for the international trial matches I will deal with these first.

The country has been partitioned into North (Divisions VII. to XIII.) and South (Divisions I. to VI.) and the Council has decided that the Divisional Cup will be presented to the winners of the trial matches respectively for the purpose of choosing two teams from the boys nominated by the local associations to play in North and South trial matches.

These two committees are to arrange all venues and dates for these trials which must be played by February 23rd from each of these committees a team will be chosen to play in a final trial, North v. South, which is hoped to be for a date in the Easter holidays. In playing for England will in future be presented with their jersey bearing the emblem of the arms of England in addition to their international cap.

The Council decided that the majority in favour of the principle of playing home and away international matches will be maintained and that the match with Scotland next May will be played at home.

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## RUSSY DISPUTE SETTLED.

## FUTURE MEMENTOS TO BE LIMITED TO £2.

The International Rugby Board discussed the Neil MacPherson case in private, at their meeting in London on Friday, and at the close of the proceedings it was announced that the following resolutions had been passed:

(1) That this board disapproves of the action of the Welsh Football Union in sanctioning the presentation made by the public of Newport to the players of the Newport Football Club, on account of the high intrinsic value of such presentations.

(2) That the Board recommended to the several unions that no memento exceeding in value the sum of £2 shall be given to players.

It will be remembered, says the Rugby correspondent, that the "People's" that, as a memento of Newport, a public fund was started, and with the sanction of the Welsh Rugby Union, each of the players received a presentation of the value of 20 guineas.

The resolutions passed by the International Board evidently have the object in view of preventing any further trouble arising from the incident, while at the same time saving the Scottish Union's face, as it would have been very difficult for them to have acknowledged themselves to be in the wrong. That they were acting from the highest motives, a vital principle of the game being at stake, was their contention.

As the Board's decision was not unanimous, it is apparently, they say, not guilty, but they must not do it again, and probably the last has been heard of the matter.

Now withdraw their suspensions, it is said, though it will be seen that the "principle" that a memento may be given to players has been admitted by the Board, the value of the gift only being limited.

## MRS. GRANT MORDEN AND SPORT.

## FIRST LADY CHAIRMAN AT N. &amp; L. DINNER.

The National Sporting League paid a graceful compliment to Mrs. Grant Morden, wife of Colonel W. Grant Morden, who represented Chiswick in the House of Commons, and is again contesting that division by inviting her to preside at the ladies' anniversary dinner and ball, which was held at the Holborn Restaurant, London.

The company present numbered nearly 500, and the lady chairman, who was given a great ovation, presided in a manner that set an example to all chairmen of the opposite sex, as well as her own. She infused a spirit of geniality into the proceedings, and also kept the speeches brief, in order not to spoil the enjoyment of the younger members.

Mr. F. C. Parker, in ex-Mayor of Northampton, said it was the first time that the National Sporting League had been so honoured as to have a lady chairman at one of their gatherings. But whatever happened they knew that Mrs. Grant Morden was a "sportsman". She realised that on the word of her husband.

Mrs. Grant Morden in reply made a speech that aroused the enthusiasm of the assembly. The National Sporting League, she said, was composed of a body of sportsmen who endeavoured to be successful in doing so—to carry out the primary principles of true sport. They were men who endeavoured to keep the home fires burning, and while she would not indulge in politics she thought that a most desirable happening in any home life.

## SCORING IN COUNTY CRICKET.

## OLD SYSTEM REVERTED TO.

At the meeting of the Advisory County Committee, held at the Junior Carlton Club, Lancashire gave notice that at the next meeting of the Committee they would move:

In the event of any infringement of the Rules of County Cricket, shall be left to the discretion of the M.C.C. to impose whatever penalty it thinks right.

The following recommendation of the Advisory sub-committee for the scoring of points in 1924 in the County Championship was carried by 15 votes to 2:

Five points for a win in a completed match. Should the match not be completed the side leading on the first innings shall score three points and its opponents one point. If the match is not completed, the side leading on the first innings shall have one point.

It was decided that in non-Test match years each county shall play at least 12 out and home county matches.

The County Cricket proposals can become operative until confirmed by the Committee of the Marylebone Club, but there is no doubt they will agree to the change in the County Championship scoring, and they will probably also accept the other recommendations.

## OLD COMRADES' CALENDAR.

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